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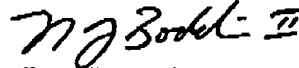
REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending. Claims 1-7, 11, 14-19, 22 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Journal Article "Active growth factor delivery from poly(D,L-lactide-coglycolide) foams prepared in supercritical CO₂" by David D. Hile *et al.* ("Hile"). Claims 8-10, 12, 13, 20, 21 and 23-25 are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have rewritten Claims 8-10, 12, 13, 20, 21 and 23-25 in independent form as indicated above. Original independent Claims 1 and 15 are cancelled.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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